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1. NEITHER EMBASSY NOR MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND WELFARE HAS RECEIVED MUSSMAN LETTER DATED JANUARY 29.

2. MEDICAL AFFAIRS DIVISION, MEDICAL AFFAIRS BUREAU, MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND WELFARE, PROVIDED EMBASSY WITH ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS IN REFTEL AS FOLLOWS:

3. LICENSING AUTHORITY FOR ACUPUNCTURE IN JAPAN IS "LAW FOR BUSINESS OF MASSAGE, ACUPUNCTURE, MOXA/CATUERY, ETC." (LAW NUMBER 217 OF DECEMBER 20, 1947). ARTICLE 1 OF LAW PROVIDES THAT "EXCEPT FOR A PHYSICIAN, ONE WHO WANTS TO DO BUSINESS OF MASSAGE, ACUPUNCTURE, OR MOXA-CAUTERY SHALL RECEIVE LICENSE FOR MASSAGE TECHNCIAN, ACUPUNCTURE TECHNICIA, OR MOXA-CAUTERY TECHNICIAN."

4. AS FOR LICENSING REQUIREMENTS, ARTICLE 2 OF LAW PROVIDES THAT LICENSE SHALL BE GIVEN BY THE PREFECTURAL GOVERNOR TO ONE WHO IS A GRADUATE OF A SCHOOL APPROVED BY THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION OR A TRAINING INSTITUTION APPROVED BY THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND WELFARE AND WHO HAS PASSED AN EXAMINATION HELD BY THE PREFECTURAL GOVENOR. THE LESSONS IN THE SCHOOL OR THE TRAINING INSTITUTION MENTIONED ABOVE SHALL INCLJDE ANATOMY, PHYSIOLOGY, PATHOLOGY, AND HYGINENE AND THE MINIMUM COURSE OF INSTRUCTION SHALL BE TWO (2)
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YEARS FOR MASSAGE, AND FOUR (4) YEARS FOR ACUPUNCTURE OR

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MOXA-CAUTERY.

5. LICENSE SHALL NOT BE GIVEN TO ONE WHO COMES UNDER ANY ONE OF THE FOLLOWING: (1) ONE WHO IS SUFFERING FROM A MENTAL DISEASE OR NARCOTIC ADDICITION, (2) ONE WHO IS SUFFERING FROM AN INFECTIOUS DISEASE, (3) ONE WHO HAS COMMITTED A CRIME OR ENGAGED IN IMMORAL CONDUCT CONCERNING THE BUSINESS MENTIONED IN ARTICLE 1, AND (4) ONE WHO IS OF NOTORIOUSLY BAD CHARACTER.

6. AS FOR THE CONTENTS OF APPROVED TRAINING PROGRAM FOR ACUPUNCTURE, ENFORCEMENT ORDINACE OF THE LAW FURTHER PROVIDES AS FOLLOWS: SCHOOLS OR TRAINING INSTITUTIONS FOR ACUPUNCTURISTS SHALL PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING CURRICUM: (1) SPECIAL SUBJECTS--ANATOMY, PHYSIOLOGY, PATHOLOGY, HYGINEE (INCLUDING METHODS OF STERLIZATION), GENRAL THERAPEUTICS, INTRODUCTIONS TO SYMPTOMOLOGY, INTRODUCTIONS TO CHINESE MEDICINE, THEORY OF ACUPUNCTURE, HISTORY OF MEDICINE, MEDICAL LAW AND REGULATIONS, AND PRACTICAL TECHNIQUES OF ACUPUNCTURE, (2)HORDINARY SUBJECTS--JAPANESE LANGUAGE, SOCIOLOGY, MATHEMATICS, NATURAL SCIENCE, AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION AND MORE THAN ONE OF SUCH OTHER SUBJECTS AS HOMEMAKING, MUSIC AND FOREIGN LANGUAGES.

7. TRAINING FOR ACUPUNCTURE IS INCORPORATED INTO WESTERN TRAINING METHODS AS INDICATED BY SUBJECTS OF STUDY TAUGHT AT SCHOOLS OR TRAINING INSTITUTIONS.
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